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ALMA

Ordination dates: June 4, 6, subdiaconate and diaconate at Menlon. June 7, priesthood at the cathedral, San Francisco, with the diocesan candidates.

The European war renders the purchase of sufficient breviaries for the ordinands impossible. Members of the Province will do a great favor to the ordination class by sending any breviaries not in actual use.

Jan. 25. Dr. Reinhardt of Stanford addressed the theologians on "Modern Trends in Education."

Owing to ill health Fr. Bart O'Neill has been replaced for the remainder of the year by Fr. Louis Sullivan from Weston.

~~Mr. Rock is continuing his studies privately at U. S. F.~~

Feb. 21. At the annual spring disputation, Mr. Aldridge defended "De Revelatione" with Messrs. Corcoran and Duffy objecting. Mr. Wilson defended "De Ecclesia," with Messrs. Charlton and Conwell objecting.

Feb. 19. Fr. Hermens went to McMinnville, Ore., due to the serious illness of his mother.

Feb. 21. Fr. Weller came from Spokane for his ad gradum examination.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

The Loyola Mothers' Guild outfitted the stage with a new front-curtain and drapes. The front of the stage had been extended by the students under the direction of Mr. P. Donohoe, S.J.

A contingent of 20 Loyola U students is beginning the C. A. A. primary training course. A group of 35 has just completed primary and secondary courses.

An airplane manufacturing plant is being built near the university by Howard Hughes, motion picture producer.

Feb. 13-14-15. The three performances of "Who Ride on White Horses" given in honor of the Society's Fourth Centenary, were exceptionally done and well received.

Mr. O'Connor, S.J., has entered "The Loyolan" in a nation-wide contest sponsored by the University of Minnesota's Associated Collegiate Press.

Jan. 18. A letter appeared in Collier's National Weekly disparaging the football team of a Los Angeles Catholic College en route to San Francisco for a scheduled game. Since Loyola is the only Catholic College in Los Angeles, the matter was turned over for redress to an alumnus attorney, Mr. Dan G. Mashall, who presented the case to Collier's. Its editors and attorneys were profusely apologetic over the telephone with Mr. Marshall and sent him a letter, which because of its non-committal character was reurned by Mr. Marshall character was returned by Mr. Marshall more adequate retraction. A full and satisfactory apology was received.

Unusual rains have halted work on the tennis courts and indoor ball field.

Mr. S. E. Beahm has donated 400 tree roses for the campus.

Frs. Ed Whelan and Lorenzo Malone gave a retreat to 1070 pupils at the Catholic Girls' High.

Fr. Vaughan gave the Senior retreat at Villa Carondolet, Tucson, Ariz.

Jack Peary, a junior last year, after 9 months in the Army Air Corps, has been signaled out with three others to be a flying instructor at Randolph Field, Texas. Jim Irish, another graduate, is an instructor there.

Fr. Malone is giving a course in psychology to the Maecenas Club. The last meeting brought out 80 members, the largest attendance so far.

Fr. Duce made his visitation of the University during February.

Miss Ysabel Plascencia has donated a 200 year old Spanish School oil painting to the Library.

LOYOLA HIGH

Fr. Bowling, C.S.P., chaplain of U.C. L.A. Newman Club, gave the upper division a most enlightening lecture:

"Why they should not go to a non-Catholic college."

Over 300 attended the 10th birthday party of the Mothers' Guild.

Two Sodalists, Creegan and Cremin, won third and fourth places in the K. of C. essay contest.

Fr. Flynn gives a lenten course at Church of Good Shepherd, Beverly Hills.

Loyola won the basketball championship of the Catholic High Schools of the southwest and two trophies.

Twenty high schools have signed up for the Ninth Annual Apologetical Oratorical Contest sponsored by Loyola High Sodality.

LOS GATOS

Jan. 20. Fr. Rooney visited the Juniorate and gave a talk on the "Jesuit Educational Association."

Jan. 18. The old "Humphrey Mansion" at "Burns' Breeze" burned down.

Jan. 27. Juniors' Gaudiosa. Present were Frs. C. Walsh, Rudolph, Healy, Copeland, and W. Shepherd.

Feb. 2. Br. McNamara pronounced his first vows, and Fr. Finnegan his last vows.

Feb. 10. Norton J. Herold from San Francisco entered as a Scholastic Novice.

Feb. 11. Despite a heavy rainfall, Fr. Rector said Mass at the Lourdes Grotto for our benefactors.

Until their chapel is built and their chaplain appointed, one of the Fathers will say Mass for the Poor Clares who have moved from Oakland to a new convent at Soquel.

A new order in the Juniorate allows the Juniors more time for study.

SAN FRANCISCO

Fr. Malaise's "Know Yourself" has been published in Spanish by the Revista Catholica, El Paso.

Fr. Feely will be Dean of the Summer Session.

The road behind our buildings has been paved from Parker Ave. to the east of the class rooms.

Mr. Early has been added to the high school faculty, to replace a teacher who resigned. Mr. Boss is still in the hospital for a leg ailment. Mr. Bassett of the college has been replaced by an alumnus.

About 250 volumes have been added to the high school library. A recently deceased member of the law faculty willed a great part of his valuable library to the law department. Several hundred books have been added to the university library.

A committee has formed for the employment of students and alumni.

The Hon. Alfred Cleary, an alumnus, for many years City Manager, died in February.

Jimmy Needles has been named Director of Athletics in place of Rod Chisholm. George Malley, head coach, has resigned.

Ed Burke of 3rd high, won first place in an all-city high school oratorical contest sponsored by the Native Sons.

During the Christmas holidays Frs. Peter Dunne and Rossi visited Mexico. Fr. Dunne wished to inspect the ancient mission sites of the Tarahumar Missions, conducted by the Society in the 17th and 18th centuries; to take photos of the old mission churches and ruins; and to learn the lay of the land described often so enthusiastically by the ancient Jesuit missionaries. This work is in preparation for the publication of another volume on the Missions.

The two Fathers traveled in Mexico in a rented auto. They were almost snowed in in the mountains of Western Chihuahua. Once the car stuck fast in soft red clay on the shoulder of a hill. After a long delay they obtained a yoke of oxen from a nearby farm and were pulled up the hill.

Last December the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association elected Fr. Dunne a member for three years on the Board of Editors for the "Pacific Historical Review."

SANTA BARBARA

Fr. Schoener, the "Padre of the Roses," was buried in Santa Barbara. At the solemn requiem Mass in the Old Mission, Fr. Stack delivered the eulogy.

In an archdiocesan essay contest, participated in by all Catholic High Schools, a freshman of Santa Barbara Catholic High won first place and a $20 prize.

Approximately 100 women made the day of recollection given by Fr. Acquistapace in our Church and School.

A class for future teachers in Confraternity Centers has been organized by Fr. Bassett.

A determined effort is under way to have Santa Barbara State College made a unit of the University of California. As the institution is in our parish, a new value may be given to the work of Ours in this city.

The "Novena Notes" of Feb. 21, carry a special "spread" on our church. The cover feature is a picture of Our Lady

of Sorrows, painted by a local artist for the High Altar.

Owing to the Forty Hours at our church, Fr. Bradstreet's mother was buried from the Old Mission.

SANTA CLARA

Feb. 10. Fr. George Schoener, famed "Padre of the Roses," died at the Donohue Infirmary.

A weekly series of radio plays is being given by University players over station KQW.

A $250 set of volumes entitled "Progress of Nations," was presented to the library by the Disabled Veterans of the World War, as part of their program for encouraging interest in Americanism in the colleges of this country.

Feb. 13. At the Dramatic Art Contest held in the university theatre, Herman Roesti, '42, was adjudged the winner.

Fr. Shipsey inaugurated the spring Catala Club lectures, with four talks on "Poems This Generation Does Not Know."

A new cabinet has been installed in the Galtes Museum to preserve the historic parchment records of the Old Mission.

Feb. 14. Fr. Potter, an Augustinian, at present lecturing at Moffatt Field on meteorology, gave an illustrated lecture to the community on the training of Army Air Corps pilots.

The Glee Club and Choir have been reorganized by Prof. Clemens Van Perre.

Cenodoxus, a 17th century morality play by Fr. Wiedermann, S.J., the Shakespeare of Germany, will be produced after Easter in honor of the Society's Fourth Centenary. This will be but the second performance of the play in the English language.

The School of Business is investigating the motives which bring Catholic boys to Catholic colleges, and why others attend non-Catholic institutions.

An allotment of funds has been made by the Government to the Engineering Department to introduce new speed-up courses for engineering apprentices. The classes will be conducted in the evening, independently of the regular engineering courses. The classes begin shortly.

BELLARMINE PREP

The Sodality Literary Committee arranged a display of Catholic periodicals and books for Catholic Press Month.

The County Health Department lectured to the student body on tuberculosis and administered the tuberculin test to faculty and students. All but two of the faculty showed positive reactions to the tests, but X-rays failed to disclose any dangerous germs.

Through a contact in the Automobile Club, two large signs have been placed on the Alameda at Emory, indicating the school.

Three new resident students arrived with the opening of the second semester, a freshman, a junior, and a senior. Two others came just after Christmas, one a first cousin of the President of Costa Rica; ;the; other from the Spanish Embassy in Paris.

Due to the large number of Friday afternoon confessions, another confessional has been built under Fr. Franchi's directions in the Boys' Chapel.

Fr. Burns, in addition to his duties as Spiritual Father for the Community, is coaching some students in Latin.

Fr. Franchi has undertaken to repaint the Fathers' Library, which has been arranged and classified by Fr. Ralph.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Feb. 2. Fr. Hanlon's Last Vow Day was saddened by the death of his father at the close of the day.

Fr. Wm. Deeney celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a Jesuit. The church was packed for the Solemn High Mass. In the sanctuary was a goodly number of the clergy; and in the congregation, some 40 Nuns. Fr. Laherty preached his usual happy sermon. Telegrams and gifts made the occasion very memorable.

Jan. 22. During the night a thief made a thorough cleaning out of the votive candelabra in the church. He removed the candles and the vigil lights; unscrewed the money slots, turned the candelabra upside down and shook out the money. Next morning the upturned and dismantled candelabra all over the church, made the place look like a wreck. The thief hid under a pew in the evening, and climbed out through a stained glass window, above one of the confessionals.

Feb. 2. Fr. Laherty preached the 40 hours at Blessed Sacrament.

Feb. 20. St. Joseph's Boy Scout Troop held a Catholic service at St. Joseph's. The colors were blessed by Fr. Powleson, Pastor of St. Patrick's, San Francisco. The St. Joseph boys were inducted at the altar steps by a blessing and the imposition of their neckerchief. The Campbell Troop was present for the occasion. The salute to the flag was made, and the Boy Scout pledge

given. Fr. Powleson addressed the new troop. At the Solemn Benediction, four of the St. Joseph Troop served in their Scout uniforms. The Scout officials were very happy over the ceremony. It was their first exemplification of a Catholic reception.

DEATH OF FATHER SIMONS

After supper on Dec. 31, 1940, Fr. Simons and Fr. Goncalves, who was visiting from Machang, were interrupted by the entrance of two brigands, each armed with a Mauser.

They asked Fr. Simons: "Do you know who we are?"

Fr. Goncalves did not catch the name, but Fr. Simons did.

The bandits made sure that the priests were unarmed. Then they demanded money. Fr. Simons protested that he was in China for the good of the people.

"Get moving. Cut out the nonsense!" A bandit struck Fr. Simons over the head with his gun. Father tried to ward off the blow and led them into his office. There they got about $800 out of his desk. They demanded more, but all he had was a box of copper cash which they would not have. They took various articles of clothing, and snatched off the glasses the Fathers were wearing.

"Without glasses I will not be able to see," protested Fr. Goncalves.

"What's the difference?"

In the hallway they made Fr. Simons do the booty into a bundle. Then the brigands held a whispered conference. At the end one of them said to Fr. Simons: "You, come out!"

Fr. Goncalves made as if to follow. "No, you stay inside."

The bandits left the house and said to Fr. Simons: "Come outside with us."

"I am coming."

There were seconds of silence, and then three shots. Fr. Goncalves writes: "I waited for about ten seconds and then rushed to the outer doorway. I could see nothing, but I heard groaning and found Father on the ground with one hand to his head.

"Fr. Simons!" I called.

"Yes," he feebly answered.

After an instant: "Fr. Simons! Fr. Simons!" There was no answer. I gave him absolution; but just as for Fr. Le Bayon at Fr. Hermand's murder, the formula would not come.

Helped by a servant I carried Father indoors. He was still in his agony; I anointed him and gave him the Plenary Indulgence. Near the end of the anointing he was dead.

One bullet entered under the right eye and came out behind the left eye. Blood gushed from his mouth and from the wound. Not once during the robbery did he speak a single word to me. He thus possibly saved my life. He went to his death calmly and without a whimper.

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A possible explanation for the attack occurs in a letter of Fr. Simons sent Dec. 24, 1940, to Fr. Le Sage. On Dec. 11, during Fr. Simons' absence, the brigands kidnapped 14 students and two catechists from his mission. After a two days' search he located them. He went to the chiefs and persuaded them to return his people. "A half hour later the whole squad of kidnapped (50 in number) marched past headquarters. . . . the chiefs sent out orders for those of the Catholic church to stand aside . . . With a big smile and a bow they handed over the captives . . . all without the payment of a cent. We trudged back home in the moonlight (of Fri., Dec. 13)."

VARIA

Br. Doyle is stationed at Loyola High.

SOME 1940 MINISTERIA FIGURES

	Baptisms		Marriages	
	Inf.	Conv.	Bless.	Reval.
Loy. U.	13	1	7	1
S. F.	40	29	17	...
S. F. Hosp.	33	182	....	...
Bl. Sac.	71	64	52	7
Phoenix	39	7	36	4
St. Jos.	74	14	21	....
H. Fam.	130	4	44	7
St. Mary's	17	4	6	1
S. Barb.	75	24	48	27
St. Clare's	70	2	28	9

Our Fathers at S. F. Hospital gave 1459 Last Sacraments.

Confessions for the Province during 1940 total 321,582. All the figures are not yet in.

DEATHS

Jan. 23, Fr. Edw. Cunningham, Pilgrim Springs.

Father of Fr. Peter Dunne.
Father of Mr. Frugoli.
Uncle of Fr. Provincial.
Father of Fr. Hanlon.
Mother of Fr. Bradstreet.
Father of Mr. Richard O'Rourke.